

Dear Child Nutrition Program Participants:

As many of you are aware, the federal government has shut down some of their administrative operations as of October 1, 2013, due to a lapse in their funding. As a result, many of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) staff will be furloughed pending reinstatement of funding by Congress. These staff will not be available by phone or email, and cannot carry out work for the USDA until their funding has been restored. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) understands the uncertainty that this circumstance presents; therefore, we wanted to provide information as to how this affects agencies at the local level:

**Child Nutrition Program Meal Reimbursement**

- The USDA will continue to make funds available and pay reimbursement claims for all meals served prior to October 1, 2013.
- Child Nutrition Programs should continue operations in October as the USDA will make limited carryover funding available to support meal service. At this time DPI does not know the funding amount available to support meal service.
- During the lapse, sponsors of day care homes under the Child and Adult Care Food Program will not receive administrative cash advances.

The USDA has developed a contingency plan that outlines the above information in the event there is a lapse in funding. The USDA contingency plan can be found on the Whitehouse Office of Management and Budget Web page at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/contingency-plans>.

The DPI staff will continue to be available as normal. If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact your assigned Nutrition Program Consultant.

Thank you.

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